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LETTER DATED 25 AUGUST 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 11 to 20 August 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purposes of reconnaissance and provocation and the dropping of heat flares.

11 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 45 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Chabaish, Jalibah, Busayyah, Lasaf, Salman, Ushbayjah and Artawi.

- At 1215 hours on 11 August 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at 600 km/h violated Iraq's airspace over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Rifa'i, the area south of Diwaniyah, Rumaythah and Nasiriyah. It departed at 1525 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

12 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

13 August 1994

Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Qal'at Salih.

14 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Qurnah, Salman and Artawi.

15 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Samawah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Khidr, Lasaf, Jalibah and Busayyah.

16 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Artawi and Salman.

- At 1137 hours on 16 August 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m violated Iraq's airspace over Artawi. It departed at 1420 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

17 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman, Artawi and Samawah.

18 August 1994

Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

19 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Chabaish and Salman.

- At 1215 hours on 19 August 1994, a hostile formation dropped 10 heat flares to the south-west of Qawsh in Nineveh Governorate.

20 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 4 sorties, flown at a speed of 720 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Amadiyah, Shaqlawah, Aqrah and Rawandoz.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Khidr, Chabaish, Busayyah and Jalibah.

- At 1300 hours on 20 August 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m violated Iraq's airspace over Busayyah, Basra, Umm Qasr, Qal'at Salih, Diwaniyah, Najaf and Nasiriyah. It departed at 1507 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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